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IN THE MATTER OF:

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FOR: CONNECTOR EQUIPPED WITH A VALVE

GROUP: 3753

EXAMINER: Namesh Krishnamurthy

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SIR:

This is in response to the outstanding office communication dated October 13, 2006 which constitutes an Advisory Action responsive to applicants' amendment received in the Patent Office on October 2, 2006. Attached hereto is a Declaration of the applicant under 37 CFR 1.132 which corrects the earlier affidavit submitted with the amendment received by the Patent Office on October 2, 2006 based upon the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action. The revised Declaration now states that "the invention disclosed in this application and in the applied reference, U.S. Patent 6,397,884 but not claimed in U.S. Patent 6,397,884 was derived by me (the applicant) and is not the invention of Mr. Ito." The Declaration is now clearly sufficient to overcome the rejection of the claims based on the primary reference, Miyajima, et al., which should be withdrawn based upon this rejection.

Since there are no other issues outstanding, other than the withdrawal of the reference, Miyajima, et al, the application is now believed to be in condition for allowance.

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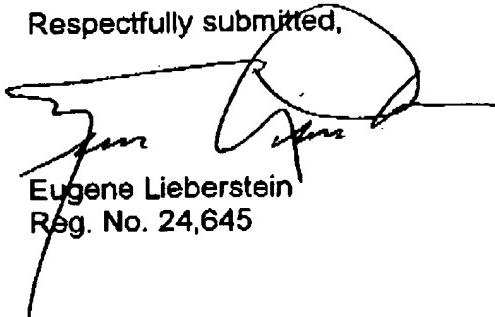
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Reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-6 is respectfully solicited.

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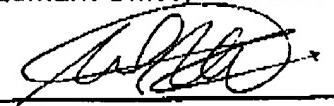
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